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RE: OU 13 Phase I RFI/RI Workplan

Dear Mr. Lockhart,

We are in receipt of your February 5, 1992, letter (92-DOE-1406) concerning the field visit to OU 13 conducted by DOE, EG&G, EPA, CDH, and contractor staff. We agree that a field sampling plan that differs from Table 5 in the IAG makes sense and is, at certain IHSSs, logistically necessary. However, the Division would like to emphasize a couple of items.

First, at this point, only a Phase I investigation is anticipated for this operable unit. The Division has previously provided guidance on the proper scope of Phase I RFI/RIs in non-RCRA closure operable units (CDH, September 19, 1991). In summary, this guidance states that a Phase I investigation will make an effort to determine the sampling necessary to 1) address all possible risk assessment pathways and 2) establish all of the parameters set forth in Section VII of the IAG Statement of Work concerning RFI/RI reports.

Second, the Division would like to see the workplan structured in a "staged" manner. Implementing the sampling in stages allows each subsequent stage to benefit from data gathered and lessons learned in previous stages. Practically, an example of how the workplan may be impacted is that the location, type, and number of monitoring wells at a given IHSS will be difficult to determine until all other planned sampling is concluded. Preliminary discussions of these types of ideas occurred on the field visit between agency, contractor, and DOE staff. In addition, as has been extensively discussed, accessibility will play a major role in determining sample numbers and locations. Please refer to the attached table for our initial compilation of how this may impact the FSP for the OU 13 Workplan.

The Division greatly appreciated the field visit and the time DOE and EG&G personnel contributed to our understanding of the OU. We hope that this letter can further the process of formulating a good workplan. If you have any questions regarding these matters, please call Joe Schieffelin of my staff at 331-4421.

Sincerely,

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